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## Acquisition News

**LTG N. Ross Thompson III Assigned as the Military Deputy (MILDEP) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) (ASAALT).** On 2 Nov 06 LTG N. Thompson III was assigned as the MILDEP to the ASAALT. LTG Thompson previously served as the Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate, HQDA, G-8 from October 2004 through November 2006. From 2001 to 2004 he served as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command. Prior to his current assignment, he held a wide variety of command and staff assignments including three years as the Military Deputy Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate, HQDA, G-8. More information about the new MILDEP is located at: [https://webportal.saalt.army.mil/main/bio/mildep\\_bio.htm](https://webportal.saalt.army.mil/main/bio/mildep_bio.htm)

**New Program Pays off for Defense Logistics Agency's Military Customers.** *Army News Service.* 8 Nov 06. Some military maintenance depots got parts and supplies faster and cheaper and America's military services got refurbished equipment returned sooner thanks to a pilot program called "Customer Pay." Customer Pay, a partnership between Defense Department elements and a defense contractor, pays contractors and suppliers at the point of delivery. That reduces the need for millions of dollars of Army inventory and lowers prices for spare parts. For more information go to [http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story\\_id\\_key=9831](http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story_id_key=9831)

## AL&T Workforce News

**Implementing the National Security Personnel System (NSPS).** By Ben Ennis. Dec 06. The global war on terrorism (GWOT) and Army transformation are driving significant changes for Army Soldiers and the Army civilian workforce. Greater reliance on the civilian workforce to support mission requirements and contingency operations occurs daily, including civilian deployment in direct support of GWOT operations. The Army's transformation effort includes the

restructuring of military positions to civilian positions over the next few years. The civilian workforce is expanding to include more significant participation in combat support functions that will allow Soldiers to focus on warfighting. Also, the Base Closure and Realignment Commission rulings impact both Army transformation and civilian workforce reshaping. <http://asc.army.mil/transformation/articles.cfm>

**Senior Rater Potential Evaluation (SRPE) Policy and Guidance.** This document provides policy and general guidance on the Army's SRPE for the Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Workforce. [http://asc.army.mil/docs/policy/SPRE\\_policy.pdf](http://asc.army.mil/docs/policy/SPRE_policy.pdf)

**New Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Logistics Course, LOG 210 - Supportability Manager Tools.** DAU is offering a brand new Logistics Course titled LOG 210, Supportability Manager Tools, Course Number 07-001. This course is available for all logistics personnel that are Level I certified with a preferred 2 to 4 years of acquisition and/or logistics experience. Course dates are from 17-19 Apr 07. The course will be taught at the DAU-South Region Campus at 6767 Old Madison Pike, Huntsville, AL 35806. More information about the course is located at: [http://www.dau.mil/catalog/cat2007/Chapter\\_3.pdf](http://www.dau.mil/catalog/cat2007/Chapter_3.pdf)

Students desiring to enroll in this course are encouraged to enroll at: <http://www.dau.mil/schedules/schedule.asp>

## AAC Transformation

**AAC Introduces the Army's Newest Career Management Field and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), MOS 51C - Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (AL&T) Contracting Noncommissioned Officer into the Full Spectrum Army.** The MOS 51C AL&T Contracting NCO is the newest enlisted career field that has been established within the last 15 years. This is one of the Army Acquisition Corps' greatest accomplishments. AL&T Contracting NCOs now have the opportunity to become warranted Contingency Contracting Officers (CCOs) authorized by law to procure supplies,

services and provide minor construction in support of deployed forces. Click on the link to read the Notification of Future Change for the new MOS.

<http://asc.army.mil/transformation/articles.cfm>

### **Lean Six Sigma (LSS) Deployment Guidebook.**

The Army has selected LSS as the process improvement methodology to support Army Business Transformation. LSS combines the principles of Lean (reducing and eliminating non-value activities) with Six Sigma (reducing variation, increasing quality) to improve process efficiency and process effectiveness. Click on the AKO link below and then click on the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for Business Transformation announcements link dated 17 Nov 06 to access Version 1.0 of the Army LSS Deployment Guide. <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/187912>

### **AAC Upcoming Events**

#### **Competitive Development Group Orientation and Graduation**

- 24-26 Jan 07
- Huntsville, AL
- POC: Joan L. Sable:  
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#### **2006 Secretary of the Army Awards for Excellence in Contracting Ceremony**

- 23 Feb 07
- 1030 hrs
- Pentagon Auditorium (Room BH650)
- For further information send emails to:  
[asc.cp-14@asc.belvoir.army.mil](mailto:asc.cp-14@asc.belvoir.army.mil)

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual PEO EIS Industry Day**

- 28-30 Mar 07
- Marriott Bethesda North Hotel & Conference Center, Bethesda, MD  
<http://www.fbcinc.com/peoeis/industryday.asp>

#### **Army Test and Evaluation Week**

- 11-15 Jun 07
- Huntsville, AL  
<http://www.testweek.org>

### **Workforce Reminders**

**How Do You Register for a Class in the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS)?** Click on the URL below to view the new "ATRRS Internet Training Application Systems Video Tutorial." This tutorial will cover how Acquisition, Logistics and Technology military and civilian personnel apply for DAU online and classroom courses.

[https://rda.altess.army.mil/cappmis/View/Videos/AITAS/dsp\\_HelpAITASVideo.htm](https://rda.altess.army.mil/cappmis/View/Videos/AITAS/dsp_HelpAITASVideo.htm)

#### **Additional DAU FY07 Course Offerings for PMT 352B – Program Management Office at Ft Belvoir, VA:**

- 27 Feb 07 (Class 033 and Class 034)
- 5 Jun 07 - Class 035

Students desiring to enroll are encouraged to enroll at:  
<http://www.dau.mil/schedules/schedule.asp>

**Continuous Learning Policy.** The policy's purpose is to ensure acquisition professionals develop and stay current in leadership, disciplinary and functional skills that augment the minimum education, training and experience standard established for certification purposes for their respective acquisition career fields. The augmentation of minimum career program standards provides for an expanded framework designed for career-long learning.  
[http://clc.dau.mil/PDF/CL\\_Policy\\_Memo.pdf](http://clc.dau.mil/PDF/CL_Policy_Memo.pdf)

**Acquisition Career Field Certification Policy and Procedures.** In order to maintain an elite Army Acquisition Corps, all civilian and Active and Reserve Component military AL&T Workforce members must meet the standards for certification in their respective AL&T career field. Army commands and organizations determine the Level (I, II, or III) of certification required for their acquisition positions based on the complexity of duties carried out in that category of positions. This document establishes the policy and procedures through which the Army validates that an AL&T Workforce member meets the certification standards established for a particular career and level. Click on the link below to view the document.

<http://asc.army.mil/docs/policy/certificationpolicy.pdf>

### **Comments to the Editorial Staff**

The USAASC newsletter editorial staff is accepting articles. Writer's Guidelines can be found on the AAC Transformation Web page. To open our Web page, click on the link to the USAASC Web page below, and then click on the "Army Acquisition Corps Transformation" icon at the bottom left of the page.

<http://asc.army.mil/portal.cfm>

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